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SUBJECT: ECONADS: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 1977-
JULY 1978

1. WE ARE POUCHING TO EUR/RPE:WARTZ AND INFO ADDRESSESS
COPIES OF ED/EC/77/53, A NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONTAINING DETAILED PROPOSALS
FOR THE PROGRAM OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS REINFORCED BY
EXPERTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND JULY 1978. THE NOTE
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ALSO CONTAINES A USEFUL LIST OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE ECONADS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL SINCE SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. IN SUMMARY, THE SUGGESTED DATES AND TOPICS REINFORCED
MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SEPTEMBER 1977 -- PREPARATION OF THE BELGRADE MEETING
ON THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

OCTOBER 1977 -- THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION
AND EASTERN EUROPE AND PROSPECTS UP TO 1985.
NOVEMBER 1977 -- SOVIET MERCHANT NAVY AND FISHING FLEET.

DECEMBER 1977 -- RECENT ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE
SOVIET UNION AND PROSPECTS UP TO 1980 AND 1985.

JANUARY 1978 -- COLLOQUIUM ON A SUBJECT TO BE AGREED.

FEBRUARY 1978 -- THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF THE SOVIET
UNION: PRINCIPAL FEATURES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR
EAST-WEST TRADE.

MARCH 1978 -- REVIEW OF THE STATE OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

APRIL 1978 -- REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE
OF POLAND, THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1976 AND
1977 AND PROSPECTS FOR 1978.

MAY 1978 -- REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF ROMANIA,
BULGARIA AND HUNGARY IN 1976 AND 1977 AND PROSPECTS FOR
1978.

JUNE 1978 -- SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES'
DEFENCE EXPENDITURES.
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JULY 1978 -- CHINA: ECONOMIC EVOLUTION SINCE 1976 AND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF ITS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE
REST OF THE WORLD.

3. CHAIRMAN'S BILLY NOTE POINTS OUT THAT THE MEETINGS
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER, DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY COULD BE
PERTINENT TO ECONADS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ALLIANCE
STUDY ON E-W RELATIONS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NATO
SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THE JUNE 14 SPC MEETING
ON THIS TOPIC AGREED THAT THE NATO COLLOQUIUM, HERE
SHCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, SHOULD ALSO HAVE A TOPIC WHICH
MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ALLIANCE STUDY (SEPTTEL, NOTAL).

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S
NOTE WILL BE ON THE ECONADS AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 23
MEETING. WE WOULD WELCOME INITIAL COMMENTS FROM
WASHINGTON (OR LATERAL ADDRESSEE POST) BY THEN. GIVEN

THE LIKELY AD HOC DEMANDS WHICH WILL BE LEVELED ON THE
ECONADS IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLIANCE GW STUDY, THE PROPOSED
SCHEDULE SEEMS TOO INTENSE AND WE RECOMMEND THAT
WASHINGTON SELECT AT LEAST TWO OR PERHAPS THREE
SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BEST BE DELETED. THE EE COUNTRY
REVIEWS, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD HAVE TO JUDGED
IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS ON THE ALLIANCE STUDY. THE
AGENDA ALSO DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A FURTHER REINFORCE
MEETING ON THE ECONADS STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION
ON ALLIED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, BUT A DECISION ON

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THIS POINT SHOULD PROBABLY BE POSTPONED UNTIL WE
CAN ASSESSTHE OUTCOME OF THE JUNE 28 REINFORCE MEETING
ON THIS TOPIC. WE HOPE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES
WILL ALSO CONSIDER TOPICS FOR WHICH THEY WOULD BE
PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE REPORTS IN ADVANCE OF THE
RELEVANT MEETINGS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SHOULD NOT
BE HESITANT TO SUGGEST CHANGES IN THE TIMING OF SUCH
MEETINGS TO ACCORD WITH THE LIKELY AVAILABILITY OF

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. THE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER EXPERTS MEETING ON
CSCE BASKET II MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY (OR MIGHT BE HELD
IN CONJUNCTION WITH) THE REINFORCED NAC WITH
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HEADS OF ALLIED CSCE DELEGATIONS WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED
AT THE MAY 4 NAC (USNATO 2697); AND STATE 106912,
(BOTH NOTAL). END COMMENT

6. AS IN PAST YEARS, SOVIET/EE POSTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO REINFORCED MEETINGS
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM. WE WILL KEEP THEM
INFORMED AS THE SCHEDULE FIRMS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS AS SOLICITED ABOVE.
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